



IFW

Atty. Dkt. No. 023971-0334

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Tsuneyasu NOHARA et al.  
Title: VARIABLE COMPRESSION RATIO SYSTEM FOR INTERNAL COMBUSTION  
ENGINE AND METHOD FOR CONTROLLING THE SYSTEM  
Appl. No.: 10/692,740  
Filing Date: 10/27/2003  
Examiner: Marguerite J. McMahon  
Art Unit: 3747

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

MAIL STOP: AMENDMENTS  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

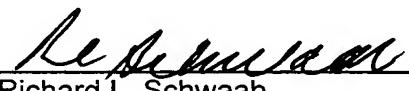
In response to the Office Action dated May 10, 2005, Applicants hereby elect Species II, Figures 6 and 7, for prosecution in the subject application. Claims 1-4, 6, 7 and 10-18 are readable on the elected species. The Examiner has indicated that claim 1 is generic. Applicants further believe that claims 1-4 and 10-15 are generic.

Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file a divisional application covering the non-elected subject matter and/or to receive consideration of claims to additional species as provided by 37 CFR 1.141, upon allowance of any claim that is generic, and/or claims directed to combinations that include the features of an allowed subcombination claim.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

June 10, 2005  
Date

  
Richard L. Schwaab  
Reg. No. 25,479

FOLEY & LARDNER LLP  
3000 K Street, N.W., Suite 500  
Washington, D.C. 20007-5109  
(202) 672-5300